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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF ISRAELI REPLIES

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1. HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VP MUBARAK 1845 LOCAL TO CONVEY
SUBSTANCE REFTEL. HE UNDERSTANDS SITUATION AND ASSURED ME
NO GOE PRESS STATEMENT ON ISRAELI REPLIES WILL BE MADE
WITHOUT HIS PERSONAL APPROVAL. HE ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
THAT ANY GOE PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THIS TIME WILL CONFINE
ITSELF TO INDICATION GOE CONSULTING WITH USG ON NEXT STEPS,
ALTHOUGH HE CAUTIONED THIS MUST DEPEND IN PART ON NATURE OF
ISRAELI REPLIES. I PRESSED HIM THAT REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE
OF THE REPLIES, GOE LIMIT ANY STATEMENT IT MIGHT CONSIDER
NECESSARY TO WHAT I SUGGESTED. THIS CAUSED HIM TO ASK IF WE
ALREADY KNOW WHAT THE REPLIES ARE AND ARE THEREFORE CONCERNED
ABOUT THEIR INADEQUACY. I TOLD HIM THAT AS OF TIME REFTEL
SENT, WE DID NOT YET KNOW REPLIES AND THAT MY DEMARCHE TO
HIM WAS BEING MADE SOLELY ON A CONTIGENCY BASIS. AS HE
KNEW, WE HOPE REPLIES WILL BE POSITIVE AND HAVE LONG URGED
ISRAELIS TO MAKE THEM SO. HOWEVER, WHAT ISRAELIS REGARD AS
FORTHCOMING MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE PERCEIVED AS SUCH BY
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EGYPTIANS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF US ACCENTUATE THE
POSITIVE IN THE ISRAELI REPLIES. MUBARAK WAS CLEARLY
UNEASY ABOUT THE ISRAELI REPLIES, BUT SAID GOE RELIES
COMPLETELY UPON PRESIDENT CARTER IN THIS MATTER.

2. MUBARAK THEN ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED FONMIN
KAMEL TO INFORM ME THAT GOE IN PRINCIPLE ACCEPTS INVITATION

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN LONDON JUNE 25-28, PROVIDED
INVITATION COMES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. HE AGAIN INDICATED
GOE PLACES ITSELF ENTIRELY IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S HAND WITH
REGARD TO TACTICS. (KAMEL HAS NOT YET PASSED THIS ON TO ME,
BUT SINCE TODAY IS OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HE HAS NOT BEEN AT
OFFICE. WILL HOPE TO LEARN MORE FROM KAMEL ABOUT THIS
TOMORROW. EILTS

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